

# Society News and Chat

Three Young and Charming Washington Brides of the Past Week

**SOCIETY** has been in a flutter of excitement for two weeks over the rumored engagement of Miss India Bell Fleming, one of the most important of the season's debutantes, to Senor Don Luis F. Corea, the Nicaraguan minister, one of the best-known figures in the Diplomatic Corps, and conceded to be the handsomest man in that circle. Although the engagement was not announced by the family until yesterday, it was known to many of the intimate friends, since a certain dinner party given by Colonel and Mrs. Fleming, about two weeks ago. As a matter of fact, the engagement has existed since last June, but the secret has been carefully guarded. Even on the trip to Europe last summer, Mr. Corea accompanied the family of his fiancée, but had business in Europe which separated them after landing.

**MISS FLEMING** is young and very accomplished. She graduated only last spring from Mt. Vernon Seminary, and was the youngest in a very large class. She was likewise the youngest of the very large circle of debutantes presented in Washington society this season. She is a brilliant linguist, speaking several languages fluently, which gift first attracted the minister from Nicaragua three years ago, at their first meeting. She is a medium-sized brunette, with one of the most exquisite complexions, deep dazzling blue eyes and very black hair and pearly teeth. Miss Fleming's beauty is greater when her face is animated in conversation than when in repose.

She will be the youngest hostess in her circle after her marriage, being but nineteen years of age, while her fiancé is forty-one. She will become the mistress of one of the most luxurious and best-equipped homes in Washington, at 2003 O street, where Mr. Corea has maintained pretentious bachelor quarters for several seasons.

**ANOTHER** charming young American hostess is thus to be added to the brilliant diplomatic circle Washington boasts. Any one of the large number of these daughters of Columbia would do credit to her country in any position she might be called upon to hold. Among them are the Baroness von Sternburg, wife of the German ambassador, who was formerly Miss Lily Langham, Kentucky born and European bred; Madame Jusserand, wife of the French ambassador, a New York girl, formerly Miss Purker, who spent most of her childhood and girlhood in Paris; the Baroness Moncheur, wife of the Belgian minister, who was formerly Miss Charlotte Clayton, daughter of Gen. Powell Clayton, former American ambassador to Mexico; Mme. Van Swinderen, wife of the minister from the Netherlands, who was Miss Elizabeth Glover, born and reared in Washington, and identified with resident society all her life until she became a bride; Senora Cne. Van Swinderen, wife of the minister, who was formerly Miss Octavia Yarnell, of Baltimore; Mme. Hauge, wife of the minister from Norway, formerly Mrs. Frederick Joy, and as a girl Miss Todd, of Louisville, Ky.; Senora Pastor, wife of the charge d'affaires of Spain, a bride of last spring, and formerly Miss Constance Casanova Lee, of Baltimore; Senora Pfister, wife of the naval attaché of the Italian embassy, formerly Miss Hester B. Laughlin, daughter of the late Judge Laughlin, of St. Louis; Madame Chermont, wife of the second secretary of the Brazilian embassy, formerly Miss Helen Sloan, of Baltimore; Mrs. H. A. Grant Watson, wife of an attaché of the British embassy, who was formerly Miss Anna C. Low, of Brooklyn; Mrs. Yung Kwai, wife of the second secretary of the Chinese legation, who was before her marriage Miss Alice Burnham, of Springfield, Mass.

**IN** the mad whirl of official and debutante functions and the entertaining of distinguished strangers, some of the most fascinating circles of Washington society are often overlooked. Among these are the gay and happy little circles at Fort Myer, at the Washington Barracks, and in the Navy Yard. There are prominent debutantes in each of these interesting places this year who have given the social affairs an impetus such as they have not had for so, these many seasons.

The weekly dances, the afternoons at home, and the various teas, to say nothing of dinners and luncheons, are bits of pleasure to make one long for. The fascinations of diplomatic gold lace, decorations, and titles have not obliterated the prestige of the brass buttons and accoutrements of our own army and navy officers, and there is no more popular place than the Navy Yard or Fort Myer on dance nights.

## Personal

The Austrian Ambassador and Baroness Hengemüller will entertain a company at dinner Monday evening in the embassy on Connecticut avenue, complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Herta Williams, of London, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont.

The Countess Ergellette, who was their guest for a short time, left for New York the early part of the week, and sailed for Europe a few days ago.

The Russian Ambassador and Baroness Rosen will be the honor guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont at dinner tonight. The baron and the baroness are great friends of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who are the guests of the Belmonts. After dinner there will be a musicale, at which the artists will be William Morse Rummel, violinist, and grandson of Samuel P. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, and Leon Remy, pianist.

Baron Schlippenbach, Russian consul at Chicago, who has been a guest at the Russian embassy for some time, will return to his post of duty the first of the week. The ambassador and the baroness have cards out for a dinner at the embassy next Saturday evening.

The Counselor of the French Embassy and Mme. des Portes de la Foeste have cards out for a dinner Wednesday, January 28. Mme. des Portes and Mlle. des Portes will leave Washington February 9 for New Orleans, where they will attend the Mardi Gras festival.

Colonel Pedernales, the military attaché of the Brazilian embassy, returned to Washington today from New York, where he has been spending a short time.

Captain and Mrs. Ryan, of the British embassy staff, and their children, who have all been ill in their home, on Columbia road, for the past week or more, are gradually recovering their usual health.

The Military Attaché of the German Embassy and Mme. Koerner were hosts last evening at a charmingly appointed dinner in their home, on Seventeenth street. The list of guests included the Japanese Ambassador and Viscountess Aoki, the Naval Attaché of the French Embassy and Mme. de Blampre, the Military Attaché of the Brazilian Embassy and Mme. de Pedernales, the Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver, the military attaché of the Japanese embassy, Major Tanaka; Herr von Radowicz, Prince Lynar, Mrs. Nicholas Fish, Representative and Mrs. Reyburn, the Count and Countess



MRS. WILLIAM DUNKERLY,  
Formerly Miss Florence P. Joyce.

ham, U. S. A., now stationed at Fort Slocum, Mrs. Wadhams was formerly Miss Carra Atkins, of Indianapolis. Miss Halford will remain with Mrs. Wadhams for some weeks and may not return to Washington at all before sailing for Europe with her parents, in March. They expect to go over to remain through the summer months, this being their first trip abroad. Last summer they made the trip across the country to California, taking in the Yellowstone Park and Grand Canyon.

Official society took the sudden death of Senator Alger much to heart, for he and his family have hosts of warm friends in Washington, and while they had prepared to bid adieu to Mrs. Alger in March, they were totally unprepared for the news of Thursday morning. Mrs. Alger was expecting a visit from Mrs. Poe and Miss Poe, widow and daughter of the late Gen. O. M. Poe. Mrs. Alger had invitations out for a luncheon in their honor today. Mrs. Sheldon, of Detroit, was also expected to come next week for a visit with her parents.

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Truman H. Newberry will leave early next month for a tour in the South, when Mr. Newberry will go on a tour of inspection of naval stations on the Florida and Cuban coasts. Mrs. Newberry will have with her as her guest, Mrs. Heston, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, and they will be gone about three weeks. The Mayflower will be used by the party, and they will visit Key West, Havana, Guantanamo, and scores of other interesting points.

Mr. and Mrs. William Williams, of Grand Rapids, have returned to their home in Michigan, after a pleasant visit here, during which time they were entertained considerably.

Miss Laura Carpenter, who was the guest for the summer, of her sister, Mrs. Young, in Grand Rapids, has quite plunged into the gaieties of Washington society. She is again in her apartment in the Highlands, and has as her guest, Miss Margaret Swindell, of Baltimore, for whom she gave a luncheon this week. Miss Carpenter will go to Annapolis on February 8, with her house guest, Miss Irma Eliason, of Chestertown, Pa., to attend the graduation ball at the Naval Academy. Mrs. Young, who spent so much time in Washington last season, does not expect to come to Washington during this season.

One of the most brilliant receptions in the history of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, is being planned for Wednesday evening, February 7, in honor of the Contemporary American Artists, in view of which event the gallery will be closed to the public until after this date in order to place the building in order for the exhibit. Invitations to the private view set for the evening of the 7th will be issued early in the week in the name of the president and board of trustees.

Admission being exclusively by card—workmen have been busy for some time past in removing the permanent collection from the walls to make room for the new paintings, as the entire gallery will be given up for the best interests of the entertainment. Conspicuous among elegant oil paintings awaiting hanging is the famous collection owned by Senator Clark, which figured so conspicuously upon the recent occasion of the reception in honor of National Architects. These beautiful canvases were afterwards packed and forwarded to New York, awaiting future disposition, and through the courtesy of the owner have been returned to the gallery for the benefit of the coming exhibit.

Since the event will mark the first annual exhibit arrangements are planned upon a scale in excess of any previous opening and no expense has been spared to assure the complete success of the reception.

The friends of Miss Irene Midkiff and Edward G. Thomas, both of London, D. C., were offered a surprise upon



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MRS. AUBREY LYNN CLARK,  
Formerly Miss Margaret Virginia Blaine, Niece of James G. Blaine.

learning of their marriage in August last. The bride, who is a charming brunette, and the bridegroom, have been the recipients of many congratulations and presents since the announcement.

Judge William L. Penfield, former solicitor of the State Department, and Mrs. Penfield are rejoicing over the arrival of their son, Walter F., of Auburn, Ind., who will make his permanent home with them here. Mr. Penfield has held the positions of city and county attorney of Auburn, and in spite of the fact that he was recently re-elected county attorney, he resigned to join his parents here. He is one of Indiana's brightest young bachelors. Judge and Mrs. Penfield and their daughter, Miss Penfield, are in their apartment in the Ontario.

Mrs. John W. Bird, who has been the guest of Mrs. Andrew B. Graham, has returned to her home in New York.

The following Congressional ladies of the Driscoll will receive on Monday, February 4, from 3 to 6: Mrs. Macon, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Fulkerson, Mrs. Klepper, Mrs. Rives, Mrs. Frank S. Dickson, and Miss Sulloway.

The weekly meeting of the Washingtonians was held at the home of Miss Sadie Breslin, 701 Sixth street northeast, on Monday evening. After regular business the club indulged in a number of interesting games. George F. Chase sang a vocal solo, and Edward Holt introduced some selections on the piano. Among those present were Misses Appleby, Slater, Breslin, Harmon, J. Ireland, Heston, Willett, E. Ireland, Messrs. Phelps, Chase, Bowman, Holt, Willett, Harvey, White, and Bricker.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Palmestock, of New York, who is spending the winter in Washington, entertained a company at dinner last evening. The list of guests included the Minister from Norway and Mme. Hauge, General and Mrs. Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Chastard, Mr. Butler, Miss Gwynn, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hague, and Mrs. Bayard.

R. H. Warner entertained a stag dinner of twenty-two covers last evening in honor of Senator Blackburn and Representative McCleary.

Mrs. Elliott, wife of General Elliott, of the Marine Barracks, entertained at

bridge yesterday afternoon, having as her guests Miss Cannon, Mrs. Vreeland, Mrs. Sibley, Mrs. Lilley, Mrs. Ross Perry, Mrs. Eberle, Mrs. Keys, Mrs. Goodloe, and Mrs. Knapp.

Mrs. Richard Butler, of the Rochambeau, was hostess at dinner last evening in her apartment, having as her guests Mr. Justice and Mrs. McKenna, Mr. and Mrs. Pinchot, the Rev. and Mrs. Roland Cotton Smith, Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Postlethwaite, Senator Dupont, Gen. John M. Wilson, and Rear Admiral O'Neill.

Mrs. Audenreid entertained at luncheon yesterday, and at dinner for young people last evening, in her home on Vermont avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Thomas, of Greensburg, Ind., are at the New Willard on their honeymoon trip. They will spend some time visiting the former home of Mrs. Thomas in Baltimore, and also in visiting New York and Boston.

Mrs. John Joy Edison entertained a company at bridge this afternoon.

Mrs. William Barrett Ridgely, wife of the Controller of the Currency, was hostess at a bridge party yesterday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Eloise Davis, of New York. Mrs. Ridgely will also entertain for her guest at a luncheon at Chevy Chase Club today.

Mrs. Basil Gordon entertained at a delightfully appointed tea yesterday afternoon in her home on Nineteenth street.

Miss Louise Nugent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Nugent, of St. Louis, one of the season's debutantes of St. Louis, will arrive in Washington tomorrow to be the guest of Miss Cannon, daughter of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Miss Nugent will be extensively entertained. Miss Cannon already having cards out for several affairs in her honor.

Mrs. Matthew Trimble and Mrs. Henry Fenno Sawtelle will not be at home Thursday, January 31, but will receive Thursday, February 1.

The following Congressional ladies of the Driscoll will not receive on Monday, January 28, but will be at home on



MRS. GEORGE CARHART ROSS,  
Formerly Miss Fannie Heiberger.

Monday, February 4, from 2 to 6: Mrs. Macon, of Arkansas; Mrs. Webster, of Ohio; Mrs. Fulkerson, of Missouri; Mrs. Klepper, of Missouri; Mrs. Rives, of Illinois; Mrs. Frank S. Dickson, of Illinois; and Miss Sulloway, of New Hampshire.

Mrs. H. Edwin Rainalds Kendrup will not receive Monday, January 28, but will be at home Mondays, February 4 and 18.

Elmer B. Klopfer entertained at a party in honor of his nineteenth birthday at his residence, 85 New York avenue recently.

The young people played games and enjoyed themselves until a late hour, when refreshments were served. Miss Emily Blazier rendered several musical numbers and Miss Bontz sang several solos.

Among those present were the Misses Mary and Emily Blazier, Mary Alice, Myrtle Ward, Blanche Dart, Mary Wilkins, Eva Alger, Marie Bonitz, Kate Wilkins, Hazel Breisford, and Lucille Compton; and Messrs. William Conboy, Nathaniel Worley, William Alger, Hrelford, Roy Bailey, Elmer Klopfer, Bernard Bonitz, Frank Bridges, Robert Tompkins, and Neal Bragaw.

E. E. Helm, of the District Department of Highways, left last night for New York, where he will meet Mrs. Helm on her arrival in that port today from a round trip on the Hamburg American line to Jamaica and South American ports. Mr. and Mrs. Helm are expected to arrive home tonight.

Mrs. Helm sailed from New York on January 6, intending to spend several weeks in Kingston, Jamaica. She arrived at that port on January 11 and remained there two days, reboarding the Prinz August Wilhelm, which left Kingston Sunday, January 12, a day before the earthquake.

A delightful masquerade dance was given for the benefit of the Church of Our Lady of Victory, in the new hall on the Conduit road, Harlem, D. C., Wednesday, January 25. Over three hundred guests attended. About eighty couples were in mask and costume, which were both artistic and beautiful. Prizes were offered, the judges awarding them to Mrs. Mae Johnson, "Jagwag Peddler," Miss Maude Thompson, "Old Maid," Miss Annie Lynch, "Gypsy Girl," and John Lynch, "Cowboy."

Honorable mention was given Messrs. Serrin and Thompson, "Indian Chiefs," Miss Nora Sherrier, "Music," Mrs. Louise Tavenner, "Princess," Miss Lynch, "Bride." The refreshment booths were in charge of Mrs. Daniel Harrington, assisted by Mrs. Sherrier, Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Vaughan, Mrs. James Sherrier, and Miss Maggie Surgrue. Some of the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Dunnington, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Riemer, Mrs. Louise Tavenner, Mrs. Kettner, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch, Mrs. Lucy Knott, Mrs. Dupre, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Ready, Mrs. Self, Mrs.

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